(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the time, if any, in implementing Government's steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The requisite information is as under:-

Year	Turnover (Rs. in crores)
1993-94	187.64
1994-95	227.82 (Prov.)
1995-96 (Prov. upto June, 95)	52.62

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The improvement in the functioning of ITDC is a continuous process and the steps taken in this regard include, aggressive marketing efforts, renovation/upgradation of hotels properties, monitoring and control of operating costs, signing of MOU, strengthening of the Board, introduction of customers satisfaction scheme and Total Quality Management scheme etc.

Availability and Generation of Power

996. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between the availability and generation of power in the country at present and how Government propose to bridge the gap and by which year;

(b) whether any plan deal with national energy requirement include cutting down current consumption and increasing generation simultaneously, if so, how much energy consumption is proposed to be cut down and in what sphere; and

(c) whether government propose to constitute a super central authority to oversee overall problem of power sector in the country; if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During the period April-June, 1995, the energy requirement in the country was 95573 MU against which the availability was 87556 MU which represents a shortage of 8.4%. In order to bridge the gap between demand and availability of power various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country include expediting the commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of better demand management and energy conservation measures, arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas and promotion of private sector investment in power sector.

(b) The National Energy Efficiency Programme (NEEP) has envisaged a saving of 5000 MU of additional capacity in the electricity sector by the terminal year of the 8th plan. While setting up this target both demand side management and supply side management in sectors like industry, lighting, domestic, commercial, agriculture and better grid management were taken into consideration. Various measures being taken to improve the generation and availability of power in the country include—Improvement in the performance of the generating stations, Accelerated hydro power development, Effective integrated operation of regional grids, Planned and Systematic reduction of T & D losses. Demand management measures aimed at shifting systems load from peak to off-peak hours and energy conservation through improvement of end use efficiency in the sectors of industry, agriculture and domestic/commercial sectors.

(c) No, Sir.

Tax Laws

997. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged the